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Arlington Municipal Airport Newsletter



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Airport Development Plan, Governance Documents Approved by City Council

The Airport Development Plan has been completed. On November 17, 2015, City Council held a final reading of an ordinance amending *99 square miles - the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Arlington* to incorporate the Airport Development Plan. The next step in the process is to submit the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) to the FAA for approval. Once the FAA accepts the ALP, the infrastructure projects listed become eligible for grants that can cover up to 90% of the cost of a project.

The City Council also adopted new Governance Documents for the Airport. These play an essential role in airport operation and management. General Aviation Minimum Standards, and the Leasing and Development Policy are critical to fostering quality airport development, by providing clear guidance for companies that wish to do business at the Airport. Airport Rules and Regulations apply to everyone on the Airport, and include sections on aircraft operation, fueling regulations, airside vehicle operations, general conduct, etc.

It is important to note that the new Minimum Standards adopted set the stage for the way the airport will do business in the future. Existing agreements are not affected, and businesses currently operating at the airport are grandfathered, if they are in compliance with the previous Minimum Standards.

<http://www.arlington-tx.gov/airport/airport-development-plan/>.

Inclement Weather Preparations at GKY

Operations staff have been diligently preparing for winter weather. This year, we will apply the solid deicer, Sodium Formate, prior to spraying with the liquid deicer, Potassium Acetate. The Sodium Formate will create holes in the ice, allowing the Potassium Acetate to create a barrier between the ice and pavement. This should make removal of any accumulation much easier.

For snow and ice accumulation that does occur, Airport staff will use a new snow plow attachment, in conjunction with a new snow blower and a hydraulic rotary broom attachment.

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Hangar Inspections

Annual hangar inspections will be postponed until Spring of 2016, due to planned repairs of the City's T-hangars. Information on the inspection and fire extinguisher roundup will be sent out sometime in March.

Snow/Ice Removal Priority

Standard snow/ice removal priorities are as follows:

- Runway 16/34
- Taxiway Alpha
- Taxiway Delta and FBO Ramp
- Remaining Taxiway Alpha Stubs
- Terminal Ramp
- Taxiway Golf and Remaining Stubs
- Remaining Ramps

These are subject to change due to operational needs.

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Wildlife Hazard Management Plan Update



Red-tailed Hawk at GKY in AOA Area

Arlington Municipal Airport conducted a Wildlife Hazard Assessment in 2013 to meet the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements provided by Federal Aviation Regulation Part 139.337. As required by the Wildlife Management Plan, Airport Operations employees completed their annual training in December.

Wildlife Hazards at Arlington Airport

The end of the migration season is nearing for waterfowl heading south for the winter. GKY is in the middle of the Central Flyway that geese and ducks use to make the journey. Cormorants (ducks) remain in the area during the winter, and travel between Joe Pool Lake and Lake Arlington daily. The route brings the ducks over, or very close to the Airport, leaving Joe Pool Lake at dawn, flying to Lake Arlington, and making the return trip at dusk.

Gulls are an issue anytime it rains and water begins to pond. The large expanse of concrete looks similar to sand. Along the coast, gulls land on sand, and remain during stormy weather. The birds perceive the Airport as a safe shelter when storms arise. **If you see a flock settling in the Airport Operations Area, inform ATCT or Airport Operations and the birds will be dispersed.**

If a strike does occur, please report it to Operations staff immediately (817-459-5571). If possible, Ops personnel will collect the remains - (technically referred to as "snarge"), and submit a report to the FAA Wildlife Strike Database. If the type of bird can't be determined onsite, a sample will be sent to the Smithsonian Institute for identification. Determining the species is very important to researchers. Data collected is used to help develop better methods of preventing bird strikes. Pilots are encouraged to also file a report, to give the FAA as much data on the strike as possible. The FAA Wildlife Strike Database is located at

<http://wildlife.faa.gov>.

Another potential threat to aircraft is the coyotes on the airfield that have learned to use the drainage system in the AOA to roam freely. We have identified six currently roaming the airport. While the number of sightings seemed to be dwindling; mating season has begun, and they are highly active at dawn and dusk. **If you spot coyotes in the AOA please alert ATCT or Airport Operations.**



Comments or Suggestions for
Upcoming Newsletters?

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ATCT Matters

Tim Wollenburg, Air Traffic Control Tower Manager, wanted to feature the August, September, October and November 2015 issues of CALLBACK, published by the NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System. Topics include ATC Low Altitude alerts, the “Checklist” Checklist and Fuel Management. Please take time to read these very informative newsletters.



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Business Spotlight - J&G Aviation



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Mike Jefferson, President of J&G Aviation, described their services as: “Managing every aspect of aircraft ownership—from pre-buys to sales and everything in between. J & G Aviation has the knowledge and experience to take care of all of our customers’ aviation needs. “

He went on to say: “We pride ourselves on the high quality of our work, competitive prices and timely turnaround, coupled with a customer-oriented approach. We emphasize communication and working with our customers at every turn to achieve the desired outcome. Our goal is to safeguard the customer and their aircraft with the highest level of technical expertise in both scheduled maintenance and repairs.”

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Inclement Weather Preparations at GKY *(continued from page 1)*

Trent Ballard, Operations Supervisor, attended the AAEE Snow Academy in July, and learned about the success other Airports had using these additional attachments during a snow/ice event. The snow blower will allow us to blow the accumulation roughly 100 feet into the islands, where they can melt without worry about refreezing as it will be off the pavement. This will help eliminate “windrows”, the snow and ice piles created on the edges of the runway and taxiways when using the snow plow to remove accumulation.



Arlington Fire Marshall Announces His Retirement

During the meetings held in the fall, several tenants expressed an interest in discussing the current hangar storage policies with the Fire Marshall. However, Stephen Lea will be retiring effective December 31st. Once a new Fire Marshall is selected, a meeting with tenants will be scheduled to discuss the question of hangar storage.

